

Alexander J. Dallas Esq:
Sir

Mont of N. S. Dec. 11. 1815

I have received your favor of the 28th ult. expressing the wish of the Secretary of the Navy, that the machinery of the mint should be employed in striking such Medals as Congress had directed to be presented to certain Officers of the Navy.

You will please Sir, to inform the Secretary of the Navy, that the machinery of the mint, so far as may not expose it to injury, by the employment of unskilful workmen, nor interfere with the necessary operations of the Institution, shall be at his service, for the above purpose.

Give me leave Sir, further to suggest, that the business of procuring the medals which have been or may be directed by Congress, would be greatly simplified, and perhaps economised, by a direct application from the proper department, to the Director of the mint; who would cheerfully and gratuitously undertake the necessary agency, in procuring the Dies to be forged, turned, cut and hardened; the Gold or Silver to be purchased & refined, and the Medals to be struck.

I am Sir with very great respect

Your most obt. Serv^t
A. Patterson

The Hon^{ble} Alex^r J. Dallas
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City

Mint of the United States
December 4, 1815

Alexander J. Dallas, Esq.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City

Sir,

I have received your favor of the 23rd ult., expressing the wish of the Secretary of the Navy that the machinery of the Mint should be employed in striking such medals as Congress had directed to be presented to certain officers of the Navy.

You will please, Sir, to inform the Secretary of the Navy that the machinery of the Mint, so far as may not expose it to injury by the employment of unskillful workmen, nor interfere with the necessary operations of the Institution, shall be at his service, for the above purpose.

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I am, sir, with very great respect,
Your obedient servant,
R. M. Patterson

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